

## **Special Board of Finance Meeting**

**April 1, 2014**

**Present:** David Richardson, Ronald Cabana, Fred Chmura, Wayne Durst, George McCoy, Michael Dougherty, Mark Shamber, Glen Lessig

**Guests:** Clerk Christine French, Ernest St. Jean and David Hosmer

**1. Call to Order – Seat Vacancy:** Michael Dougherty called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Glen Lessig, seconded by Ronald Cabana, nominated Michael Dougherty, as a voting member for tonight's meeting. **Motion passed.**

**2. Fill Member Vacancy - Chairman:** George McCoy, seconded by Ronald Cabana motioned to appoint Michael Dougherty as a full-member of the Board of Finance. **Motion passed.**

Glen Lessig, seconded by George McCoy, moved to appoint Michael Dougherty as chairman of the Board of Finance. **Motion passed.**

**3. Fill Alternate Member - Vacancy:** Glen Lessig, seconded by George McCoy, moved to appoint David Hosmer as an alternate member of the Board of Finance. **Motion passed.**

**4. Fill Vice Chairman – Vacancy:** George McCoy nominated David Hosmer as vice-chairman. Mr. Hosmer declined the appointment.

George McCoy moved to appoint Ronald Cabana as vice-chairman. Mr. Cabana declined the nomination.

Ronald Cabana, seconded by Michael Dougherty, moved to appoint Wayne Durst as the vice-chairman. Mr. Durst declined the nomination.

Michael Dougherty moved to appoint George McCoy as vice-chairman. George McCoy declined the appointment.

Michael Dougherty, seconded by Glen Lessig, moved to appoint Fred Chmura vice chairman. **Motion passed.**

**5. Review RFP Auditors Submissions – Select Who You Want to Meet With:**

Michael Dougherty would like to set up a subcommittee to do further review on the bids and meet with the proposed firms, then have the sub-committee report back to the rest of the Board. George McCoy, seconded by Glen Lessig, moved to appoint a sub-committee to interview candidates and to report back to the full Board of Finance. **Motion passed.**

George McCoy, seconded by Glen Lessig, moved to appoint Wayne Durst, Fred Chmura, Mark Shamber and David Richardson as members of the sub-committee. **Motion passed.**

**6. Adopt a Capital Improvement Plan for the Town of Woodstock for the five year period ending 2018-2019:**

Members of the Board of Finance felt that they did not have time to study the Board of Education's Capital Plan, and there were no members of the Board of Selectmen to answer questions that Ronald Cabana and Fred Chmura had on Bridge Projects and Revaluation figures. George McCoy, seconded by Ronald Cabana motioned to table the capital plan until the next regular Board of Finance meeting. **Motion passed.**

**7. Citizens Comments:** David Richardson stated that repairing bridges are very expensive projects, and several in the Town need to be repaired. He also feels that the Revaluation figures can be taken off of the Capital Plan without going to the Board of Selectmen.

Ernest St. Jean feels that solar panels should be ground mounted, and not placed on roofs of buildings. He stated that the panels are not good for roofs, and that if solar panels are placed on roofs that there is a cost to remove the panels off of the roofs when the roofs need to be repaired.

George McCoy felt that if members of the Board of Finance decided to write opinion letters in the local papers there should be a disclaimer in the letter stating that the opinions expressed in the letter are not those of the other members of

the Board of Finance. Michael Dougherty felt that once that the Public Hearing had passed that no letters from Board of Finance members should be placed in the papers. Wayne Durst stated that he felt that this would violate member's right to freedom of speech, and he would like an opinion from the Town Attorney on this.

Glen Lessig felt that the Board of Finance should set up a subcommittee to look into setting up a set of by-laws for the Board of Finance. It was agreed that after the budget had passed that this would be a good idea to look into. David Richardson asked if this would stop members from expressing their views in the newspapers. Mr. Lessig said that this would not.

David Hosmer suggested that the Board of Finance start a notebook where Town Attorney's opinions and other important decisions made by the Board of Finance be kept so that future members of the Board would have an easy reference tool.

David Hosmer volunteered to resign from the Open Space Land Acquisition Committee, and Glen Lessig again volunteered to serve on this committee. This will be taken up at a future meeting.

**7. Adjournment:** George McCoy, seconded by Glen Lessig, motioned to adjourn at 7:27pm. **Motioned passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

Christine G. French

Clerk